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For: STEERING APPARATUS FOR RAIL NON-

CONTACT VEHICLE AND STEERING

METHOD FOR THE SAME

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the non-final Office Action dated April 14, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.